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### He Was Converted to **Optimism**

By DWIGHT NORWOOD

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Billy Bryce and I were inseparable companions, bosom friends. We were opposites in disposition, and I think such dissimilarity is one of the most effective of all causes of friendship. Billy was as cheery a chap as ever lived. I was inclined to be morose. Billy said nice things to people which he only half meant. I said gruff things to them that I didn't mean at all. I didn't need to understand Billy, because he always appeared amiable, but Billy needed to understand me, for I was constantly saying something disagreeable-why, I scarcely know myself; quite likely to cover up a liking for the person to whom I spoke.

I was very dependent upon Billy for cheerfulness, and when he wrote me that he was engaged to be married it was a sad blow to me. I had had other friends who had married, and the friendship between us was never the same as before their marriage. I would go to their homes for Sunday dinner and be heartly welcomed, but it was always plain that the wife and children had supplanted me. I was a second, third or fourth consideration.

Billy's letter indicated that he realized the change his marriage would cause in our intimacy and seemed intent on preventing it so far as possible. "I wish," he said, "that there shall be the same friendliness between you and Luella as between you and me. You shall have the freedom of the house at all times, whether I am at home or absent. You must not expect me to have the slightest jealousy for you. My finncee agrees with me perfectly in this and, instead of having that jealousy brides are subject to for a bosom friend of her husband, will welcome you to the family circle as one of us."

This did not reassure me at all. 1 was supplanted, put down from first to second place. I knew Billy's optimistic disposition and also knew that he could not suspend a natural law. I wrote him that if he did not that it's all put on." wish the lady he was to marry to freeze me out of the house he had better tell her that if she wished it he would never see me again. "That's just like you," he replied, "but you can't move either me or Luie with your

Billy asked me to be best man, but I detest ceremonies and took care to be called away on a matter of business at the time of the wedding. But I sent a bandsome wedding present. I was not so brutally frank as to tell Billy I had gone away on purpose to get rid of officiating at his wedding, but I told him that doubtless his bride would appreciate my wedding gift far more

After the wedding Billy brought his always lived. The first time I met his wife I was surprised that he should have married a girl with a disposition so like his own. His wife grasped my hand cordially, looked at me with a smile on her pretty lips and a twinkle in her bright eye and said:

"Billy says you are awful grumpy, but we'll take that out of you, won't we, Billy?" and she looked at him knowingly.

My first call was short. I suppose I am prone to look out for trouble, but it seemed to me that Mrs. Bryce was a triffe too demonstrative. I was stricken with fear that instead of being jealous of me, as I had supposed, she might make Billy jealous of me, and that would be ten times worse than if she should freeze me out. I went away determined that I would not be drawn into any such danger. To be supplanted in first place with my friend was bad enough; to be placed at enmity with him would be harrowing. I resolved that I would not call on Mrs. Bryce again for a month at least.

But the very next day I was summoned to the telephone and heard the lady's cheery voice say:

"Is that you, Mr. Quimby? Come up to dinner this evening. We dine at 7. You needn't bother about evening dress if you don't wish to. Don't fail me. Billy has to go out, and I shall be all alone."

While I was trying to frame an excuse I heard a click, and that was the end of the one sided dialogue. All that afternoon I was trying to persuade myself that there was no way out of the matter, but the truth is that in my heart I didn't wish to find a way out of it. I had no place to spend the evening but my club, and 1 was tired enough of it. I wished to bask in the light of Mrs. Bryce's

cheeriness. Resolution is of no use where a pretty woman is concerned, and I could scarcely wait after business was over for the dinner hour. It came at last and was made welcome by Billy and his wife, Billy regretting that he was obliged to go out during the evening. but he would come home as early as possible. He was ever so much obliged to me for the favor done him of

"keeping Lu from being lonely." Just before dinner was served I saw servant carrying a tray covered with dishes upstairs. I supposed Billy and his wife were alone in the bouse except for the servants and asked if any one was ill.

"A relative of Lu's," said Billy. "She's not ill, only bashful; doesn't

like to meet strangers, you know." Billy didn't more than half finish his dinner before he arose from the

"Sorry to leave you. of man," he said. "You'll excuse me, won't you? Lu will take good care of you. I'll try to get in before 10. Don't go till I come back."

I was left tete-a-tete with a pretty woman, and Billy had taken care to have a bottle of good wine on the table, so that had I not been sensible of the danger of the situation I should have rejoiced. I was somewhat reas-sured by a twinkle in Mrs. Bryce's eye when she kissed her husband goodby. for I began to think, after all, they had conspired to get rid of my belief that Billy's marriage would be a deprivation to me.

Whatever was their design, I fell into I did not fear for Mrs. Bryce, but I did fear for myself. She showed no disposition to go back on Billy by deed, word or look. It was I who in my heart envied my friend his wife.

Billy did not return at 10 o'clock or at 11. At half past 11 I tore myself away after having passed a delightful evening.

During the next week Billy and his wife were constantly telephoning for me. I found myself becoming infatuated with her and tried to keep away, but they wouldn't let me do so. Billy was as persistent as his wife and she as persistent as Billy.

A guilty conscience needs no accuser, and it seemed to me that Billy must notice my embarrassment, my shamefacedness. But he didn't. At any rate, he was as cordial, as jovial, as affectionate as he had ever been. And, as for being jealous of me, such an idea appeared never to enter his head. Indeed, he seemed to be constantly contriving to leave me alone with his wife.

I had not been introduced to Mrs. Bryce a week before Billy announced that he was called away on business and would be absent for about ten days.

"What!" I exclaimed. "Leave your wife so soon after your wedding?" "What can I do? Business won't wait while a man is spooning with a new wife. Besides, Lu won't go with

"Indeed, I won't," said Lu. "I detest traveling. Besides, how would I amuse myself, shut up in a hotel, while Billy was attending to business? No, thank

you. I'm comfortable here." "There!" said Billy. "You see what marriage is. They're very sweet on you till they get you; then you discover

His wife reproached him, but seemed to have difficulty in repressing a smile. Truly they were taking a great deal of trouble to make me feel that I had been a gainer instead of a loser by Billy's marriage.

I spent every evening at Billy's house during his absence. I made one sickly effort to miss an evening, but Mrs. Bryce asked me what in the world she would do alone. I asked her if the relative Billy had mentioned as being with her would not be a companion for ber, but she said that person had gone the same day as Billy.

By the time the ten days of Billy's absence had gone-and they seemed but half a week-I had so far given my heart to his wife that I dared not meet pected him, and she said not for a couple of days. But when dining with her I heard a key in the latch of the front door and knew that my bosom friend-now my bosom enemy—had returned. He ushered in a lady who I noticed resembled his wife. She came up to me smiling and put out her hand.

"I am Mrs. Bryce," she said. "We have all been playing a game. Billy thought it would be a good joke to introduce you to my sister, Edith, as his wife. He said he thought it would break the formality of your coming under the new conditions. I kept out of the way till Billy concluded to be absent for awhile; then I went with

"And you are the relative to whom a dinner was carried upstairs?" "I am.

"To tell the truth, old man," Billy broke in, "you were getting so devoted to my wife that I thought I'd better"-"William!" protested she who had played the part of his wife

This was a great bouleversement both for me and Edith. So long as she had been the leading lady in a play she had not scrupled at anything, but now that she must be berself again she began to show signs of embarrassment. I was too stupid to see that this plot had been intended to take proper care of me in the loss of my friend by giving me a wife. I confess I was at a loss to understand why they had thought proper to play such a joke on me, but I did not refer it to its true source.

We had a merry dinner together, which was only marred by Billy, who could not resist the temptation to guy me for my devotion to one whom I had supposed to be his wife. His taunts were only appreciated by himself. His wife tried to frown him down, his sister-in-law looked daggers at him, while I looked silly. However, the dinner at last ended. Billy and his wife went upstairs ostensibly to rest after their journey, but really to

leave me alone with Edith. I put an end to the embarrassmest attending the joke that had been plaed upon me by proposing to Edith that since she had played the role of wife so well she had better be a real wife. She assented. Mr. and Mrs. Bryce were the next day informed that the play had ended in a reality. Billy enjoyed his joke hugely, declaring that it was the only way I could have been saved from a lonely old

#### Holsteins Bring Good Money.

John McCollum, living west of town nade a sale Saturday of two head of three-year-olds, two of two-year-olds and a yearling, all full blooded registered Holstein stock. The purchas er was Wm. Holcomb, living four miles east of Cohoctah. Mr. McCollum did not care to make the selling prices public, but it represented a bunch" of money.

Breeding the black and whites is reeiving a lot of careful attention from Mr. McCollum and he is making good with a vengeance. He has some stock to be proud of. He is anxious, too, that more full blooded stock of the Holsteins be raised in this community. Surely those who give it attention learn what the "blooded" breeders are doing, and they will rear, feed and milk the stock that has blue blood and then when they sell the same they receive financial returns maniffold .-Durand Express.

Perry, Aug. 11-Mrs. Conn. organizer, of Durand; Mrs. J. W. Martin. county president, of Bancroft and Mrs. Bishop, state president, of Flint with a number of other ladles of Bancroft, will meet with Perry ladies at the home of Mrs. Bessie MacQueen Thursday, Aug. 20 for the purpose of giving different and talks and explaining the great work that the King's Daughters are doing, so as to get the Perry ladies interested.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Arthur and Mr and Mrs. Oral Arthur will go to the Arthur reunion to be held at Henderon Wednesday.

Mrs. J. D. Young will go to Bay View Wednesday to spend a couple of that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetamonths during the hay fever weather ble Compound will help you, write L. Brown and James Stoddard have each purchased a new auto.

The home purity meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Arch Clarks Friday p. m. The Ladies' Aid will serve its an-

nual supper in the M. E. church on Wednesday evening. Election of offi-Mrs. Mary Brown started for South Dakota this week to visit her son.

James, who resides there. The Twentieth Century club met at the home of Mattle Boardman Thursday. They will meet at Mrs.

Mae Calkins August 27 Miss Margaret Dynes of the telephone office will take a short vacation with her sister at Palm in the northern part of the state. Miss Hazel Curtis of Owosso will take her place at the switch board during her bsence.

The Royal Neighbors met at the ome of Mrs. William Clough Monday Mr. and Mrs. George Dutton are

visiting at the home of the former's mother at Gregory for a week.

Itching, bleeding, protruding or blind piles yield to Doan's Ointment. Chronic cases soon relieved, finally cured. Druggists all sell it. Adv

#### OWOSSO MARKETS.

Owosso, Mich., Aug. 14, 1914.

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Get at the root of the trouble. Rubbing an aching back may relieve

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MISSION. Owosso, August 10th, 1914.

Regular meeting of the Commission, Mayor DeYoung presiding. Members present, DeYoung, Hanscom The minutes of the last regular me were read and approved as printed.

PETITIONS The following petition was presented and on mution referred to the City Attorney to report at the next meeting:

Petition \$78 To the Honorable Commission of the City of

Gentlemen:
Your petitioners being residents on and complex that the Michigan Central Raifroad crossing in the City of Owoseo, Michigan Central Capando respectfully show it your hoperable Law Factors.

body.

1. That on or about June 9th, 1913, a resolution was passed by the common council of the City of Owosso, over and above the residents of some of your petitioners, resolving that a curb be constructed upon each side of Chipman street, from the north line of Main street to the south line of the right of way of the Michigan Central Railroad Company, at an estimated cost of \$808.08. That in said resolution the City Assessor was instructed to make a special assessment covering the entire cost of said curb, levied against the lands abutting upon the street.

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2. Yeur petitioners further show that they are informed and believe that said special assessment was prepared and was approved by the Common Council, and was placed in the hands of the City Treasurer for collection. That your petitioners did not pay said special assessment and your petitioners are informed and believe that said special assessment has been returned by the said treasurer to the County Glerk of the County of Shiawassee, as unpaid taxes, at d charged against the property of your petitioners

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3. Your petitioners further show that no curb has been constructed along said street; that your petitioners and none of the residents or owners of the property along said street, desire a curb along said street, and that there is no public necessity for such curb.

4. Wherefore, your petitioners pray that the Commission may take such action as is necessary to vacate said action of the common council in ordering said curb to be built and may take such action as is necessary to vacate said special assessment and to discharge the lien of the same against the property of your petitioners, and the others along said street. And your petitioners will ever pray.

August 8th, 1914.

Owesso Mfg. Co. and 10 others.

Owosso Mfg. Co. and 10 others. The following petition was presented and referred to the department of Public Improvements:

Petition No. 574 To the Commission of the City of Owosso. To the Commission of the City of Owosso. Gentlemen:

We the undersigned residents of Corunna street between Smith and Huggins streets hereby petition for the sprinkling of said Corunna street between the streets named during the season of 1914. We hereby severally agree to reimburse the city of Owosso for the expense of said sprinkling at the close of the season and in default of payment that the amount may be placed as a special assessment upon our property located in said sprinkling district.

Mrs. Fred Tick and 4 others. COMMUNICATIONS

Respectfully yours, E. J. Russel.

The following communication was presented nd filed: Mr. Hanscom, Commissioner of Utilities, Dear Sir: I hereby protest against the sprinkling of Stewart street in front of my two houses 7.5 and 731.

Owosso, Aug. 5th, 1914. UNFINISHED BUSINESS The matter of refund ordered paid to M. B. Black for sidewalk tax error was presented by the clerk and on motion of Mr. Hanscom it was ordered that the amount, \$150 is be paid from the general andewalk fund. ages DeYoung, Hanscom, Rosevear.

NEW BUSINESS The following resolution was presented and on motion adopted, ayes DeYoung. Hanscom, Rosevear:

Resolution No. 757 Whereas, the City Clerk has, in accordan with a resolution of the common council of t City of Owosso, provided and kept a fund his bands, known as the Owosso store accountsald ifund being an amount or not to exceed one hundred dollars, and whereas, the purpose of said fund was to pay unexpected bills which arise in the business of purchasing supplies for the Owosso Fire Department, and whereas conditions have arisen which make necessary the handling of a large number of men of the different departments of the City of Owosso and the frequent discharge of said men from their respective positions, prior to the time their bills for service had been passed ly the commission of the City of Owosso.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Commission of the City of Owosso.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Commission of the City of Owosso, that a fund be, and the same is hereby established, to be known as the Owosso Store Account; said fund to be placed in the hands of the City Clerk of said City of Owosso, said fund to be composed of not to exceed two hundred dollars. The money of said fund is to be paid from the fund now already in the hands of the City Clerk and known as the Owosso Store Account, and the ba a ce to te paid from the contingent fund of the City of Owosso.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to draw upon said fund for the payment of maneys.

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The City Cierk is hereby directed to dra upon said fund for the payment of mone necessary for supplies of the fire departme of the City of Owesso, and for the necessary expenses arising through the discharge resigning of any employee of the City of Owesso, between meetings of the Commission of the City of Owesso.

Said moneys to be paid only upon present tion to the cierk of an approved voucher sha ing from what fund the payment is to be mad signed by one of the members of the Co mission.

The City Clerk is instructed to place a such vouchers upon the claim sheet again the proper fund and upon the approval of it Commission to draw orders therefor in fav of the Owosso Store Account and place to proceeds therefrom into the said Owosso Sto Account, so that at all times there the remain in the said account the sum of Tallundred Dollars.

The following resolution was presented on motion adopted, ayes DeYoung, Hanson Rosevear:

Resolved by the Commission of the City Owesso that the cisims and accounts here attached be approved and the Mayor and Clei are hereby instructed to issue a warrant of the City Treasurer against the various fund for the amounts shown:

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The Safe-Cabinet Co.
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Consumers Power Co...... W E Hall & Son Jas. DeYoung .... F. L. Hanscom J. Rosevear ..... FROM THE STORE AND DEFICIENCY PUND

Good Roads Machinery Co.....100 CO The following resolution was presented and in motion adopted, ayes DeYoung, Hansoom, tosevear:

Resolution No. 758 Resolved by the Commission of the City of Owosso that for the general state and county primary election to be hold upon Tuesday the 2sth. day of August A. D. 1914. the following places in each of the several wards in the City of Oweseo are hereby designated as the following places for said primary:

Vater street.
5th ward-No. 1005 West Main street. The following persons are hereby appointed by this commission for the respective wards he: cinafter named, who in addition to the aupervisor, shall constitute the Board of In-spectors of the primary election for the res-pective wards: ist ward-T. M. Wiley, E. A. Gould, W. F.

3rd ward—S. Springett, C. G. Eaton, G. F. Zimmerman.
4th ward—E. M. Rohrabacher, P. V. Gadola,
W. G. Haweroft.
5th ward—Geo, Storm, C. A. Dunham, S. C.
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Adjourned. JAS. DE YOUNG, Mayor. ARTHUR H. DUMOND,

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Notice of Mortgage Sale.

Notice of Mortgage Sale.

Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the moneys secured by a mortgage dated the 16th day of April in the year 1912, executed by Roacee B. Sober and Mildred J. Sober, his wife, of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, to George M. Burbank, of the City of Chicago, Cook County, Hilmols, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the said County of Shiawassee and State of Michigan, in Liber 121 of Mortgages on page 576 on the 23rd day of April in the year 1912, at three and one-fourth o'clock P. M. And whereas, the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of four hundred thirty and no 100 dollars (\$430.00) principal and interest, and the further sum of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars as an attorney fee stipulated for in said mortgage, and which is the whole amount claimed to be unpaid on said mortgage, and no suit or proceeding having been instituted at law to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage or any part thereof whereby the power of sale contained in sald mortgage has become operative:

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the said nower of sale

mortgage has become operative;

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the said power of sale and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by the sale of the premises therein described at public auction to the highest hidder at the front door of the court house in the City of Corunna, in said County of Shlawassee and State of Michigan on the 21st day of October, 1914, commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows, to-wit:

to-wit:

A certain piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Owesso, County of Shia-wassee and State of Michigan, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit; Lots twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28) in block sixteen (16) of Geo. T. Abrey's Woodlawn Park Addition to the City of Owesso according to the recorded plat thereof.

Dated July 16, 1914.

GEORGIE M. BUBBANK